

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA : **CRIMINAL NO.** _____
v. : **DATE FILED:** _____
GREGORY H. LADNER : **VIOLATION:**
18 U.S.C. § 924(a)(1)(A) (false statement
to a federal firearms licensee - 1 count)

INDICTMENT

COUNT ONE

THE GRAND JURY CHARGES THAT:

At all time relevant to this indictment:

1. The Sportsmans Shop, located at 101 West Main Street, New Holland, Pennsylvania, possessed a federal firearms license (“FFL”) and was authorized to deal in firearms under federal laws.
2. FFL holders are licensed, among other things, to sell firearms and ammunition. Various rules and regulations promulgated under the authority of Title 18, United States Code, Chapter 44 (Sections 921-929) govern the manner in which an FFL holder may sell firearms and ammunition. Those regulations include a requirement that the FFL holder maintain a record, in the form of a completed Form 4473, of the identity and legal qualifications of the actual buyer of firearms sold by the dealer.
3. The rules and regulations governing FFL holders require that a person seeking to purchase a handgun must fill out a Firearms Transaction Record

ATF Form 4473. Part of the Form 4473 requires that the prospective purchaser certify that all his answers on Form 4473 are true and correct.

4. The Form 4473 contains the following language in question 12c: “Have you been convicted in any court of a felony, or any other crime, for which the judge could have imprisoned you for more than one year, even if you received a shorter sentence, including probation?” The Form 4473 further contained the following language warning that “I understand that a person who answers “yes” to any of the questions 12b through 12k is prohibited from purchasing or receiving a firearm.” The Form 4473 further contained the following language warning that “I also understand that making any false oral or written statement, or exhibiting any false or misrepresented identification with respect to this transaction, is a crime punishable as a felony.”

5. On or about September 9, 2002, at New Holland, in the Eastern District of Pennsylvania, defendant

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in connection with the acquisition of a firearm, that is, a .40 caliber Taurus Model PT-140 pistol, serial number SUK08956 from The Sportsmans Shop, an FFL holder, , knowingly made false statements and representations with respect to the information required by the provisions of Chapter 44, Title 18, United States Code, to be kept in the records of The Sportsmans Shop, in that defendant LADNER certified on Form 4473 that he had not been convicted in any court of a felony or any other crime for which the judge could have imprisoned defendant for more than one year, when in fact, as he knew, his statement was false and fictitious.

In violation of Title 18, United States Code, Section 924(a)(1)(A).

A TRUE BILL:

GRAND JURY FOREPERSON

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